

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CRIME SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON THURSDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2019

MEMBERS: Councillors Lee David-Sanders, Kate Anolue (Deputy Mayor), Chris Dey, Rick Jewell, Bernadette Lappage, Claire Stewart and Mahtab Uddin

Officers: Andrea Clemons (Head of Community Safety), Susan O'Connell (Governance & Scrutiny Officer), Stacey Gilmour (Governance & Scrutiny Secretary)

Also Attending: Councillor Nneka Keazor, Cabinet Member, Community Safety & Cohesion, Superintendent (Neighbourhoods) Nigel Brooke, Askin Erozkal (Parent Engagement Panel), 21 members of the public

893. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting and said how pleased he was to see such a great turnout. An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Kate Anolue.

Discussions regarding item:5 – Serious Youth Violence Action Plan took place at item 4 on the agenda as this topic followed on nicely from agenda item 3 – SSCB Performance Management – Monitoring Update. For the interest of clarity however, the minutes are shown in the agenda order.

894. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

895. SSCB PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT- MONITORING UPDATE

Andrea Clemons Head of Community Safety presented this report and highlighted the following:

- i) Andrea thanked the Committee for the opportunity to provide the performance update and reminded Members that it is framed to support Enfield's Partnership Plan (4 years – 2017-2021).
- ii) The report analyses the five priorities identified in the borough of Enfield and discusses the performance compared to other London boroughs.
- iii) The measures reflect the priorities in our own Partnership Plan which are:

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- Reducing burglary and keeping people safe at home;
 - Tackling violent crime – in all its forms
 - Keeping young people safe and reducing their risks from crime;
 - Promoting cohesion and tackling hate crime;
 - Dealing with anti-social behaviour.
- iv) The report demonstrates progress in crime figures against the five bulleted priorities above.
- v) Total Notifiable Offences in Enfield have increased by 10.2% in the year ending November 2018. In London there has been a smaller increase of 1.2% in the same period. Enfield has seen the biggest increase in crime in the last year, compared to all other London boroughs.
- vi) Residential burglaries in Enfield have increased by 23.3% in the year ending August 2018
- vii) Serious Youth Violence has increased in the last year in Enfield by 8.8% and London has experienced a decrease of 5.2% in the same period. Enfield recorded the highest number of SYV victims in the last year in London and is currently the borough with the highest levels of SYV in London.
- viii) Of the top 3 boroughs, Enfield experienced the only increase in SYV in the last year, equating to just over one victim per day and averaging 33 victims per month.
- ix) Knife Crime in Enfield has increased by 20% in the year to November 2018 compared to the previous year. London has experienced a smaller increase in Knife Crime of 1.1%.
- x) Just under half of all Non-Domestic Knife Crime injury victims in the last year were under the age of 24, accounting for 49%. Although the trend in Knife Crime victims under 24 have decreased over the last year, there has been an increase in recent months.
- xi) There were 2467 Residential Burglaries in Enfield in the year ending November 2018, compared to 2001 in the previous year, an increase of 23.3%. Enfield is significantly above London which recorded an increase of 11.5% in the same period.
- xii) Residential Burglaries in Enfield have seen a significant increase on the borough in the last two months from October 2018 and have continued to increase in November 2018 and is predicted to increase in December, due to the historical seasonal pattern around Christmas time. This seasonal pattern has also been mirrored in London.
- xiii) Year three of MetTrace was rolled out in Enfield on the 14/06/2017 in various Wards across the borough. As of 17/10/2018 there have been 5,246 kits distributed since the start of year three and the project aims to distribute a further 3,995 by the end of 2018.
- xiv) Since the beginning of the MetTrace project in Enfield 45 months ago, there has been a burglary reduction of 26.1% (593 less burglaries) in our MetTrace areas, the rest of Enfield shows a reduction of 1.1% (62 less burglaries).
- xv) It was hoped that the MetTrace project would be extended beyond March 2019 and confirmation of this was currently being sought.

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- xvi) Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) calls have reduced in Enfield by 0.9% in the year ending November 2018, compared to the same period last year. Prostitution related calls have remained the same at the end of this year, compared to the previous year. This is linked to the recent targeted police enforcement in problematic areas in the borough.
- xvii) A table was also included in the report detailing the percentage change for Enfield and London for Serious Youth Violence and all other Gang related offences.
- xviii) Andrea then went through each of the further priorities in detail and provided figures, data and the proposed measures for each one.
- xix) With regards to Issues and Challenges it was noted that Serious Youth Violence is the highest priority currently and in response to an 'emergency situation' in December Police Officers had been redeployed from the Metropolitan Police's Territorial Support Group (TSG) to deal with these issues. Police Officers based in other parts of the borough had also been told to target crime hotspots.
- xx) Andrea added that December's fall in serious youth violence may well have been linked to a higher number of police officers patrolling the borough including officers from TSG and other resources.
- xxi) The increased police presence also coincided with a reduction in other crimes, including gang-related offences, hate crime and anti-social behaviour.
- xxii) Superintendent Nigel Brookes said the emergency response was continuing in January and would include measures such as stop and search which he insisted was being used in an 'appropriate and intelligence led way'.

The following questions and comments were raised:

- Q. What more can be done outside of the current interventions to address the increase in Serious Youth Violence?
- A. As part of the Serious Youth Action Plan the North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG) has been created. This group which meets every six weeks carries out very targeted work and is consists of senior representatives from various partnership groups including Enfield and Haringey Councils, the Metropolitan Police, Courts Services, London Fire Brigade, North Middlesex Hospital, Mayors Office for policing (MOPAC), Business Sector and several others. Enfield Council is also looking to work with boroughs that have seen a reduction in youth violence, such as Croydon to see if it can replicate their successes. A lot of funding has gone into tackling youth violence. While other areas have been rejigged this is not an area that has been reduced.
- Q. When moving resources internally to tackle youth violence have you noticed an increase in other crimes in the borough?
- A. No, there has not been an obvious increase.

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Q. What are boroughs like Croydon doing that has resulted in a reduction in Serious Youth Violence and can this be replicated in Enfield?

A. Enfield already has lots of good practices, so it is hard to know/see what has happened which has resulted in an increase in SYV in the borough. This is not to say that more cannot be done, but we are trying. For example, Enfield Council already procure an additional 16 Police Officers to work solely on our Housing Estates carrying out targeted work daily.

Q. What is the detected rate for Residential Burglaries?

A. There is a 3.1% detection rate for Residential Burglaries.

Q. It is good to hear about MetTrace and how well it is working. However, it has not yet been rolled out to Grange Ward therefore could this be considered if the project is extended as this is an area that has recently been targeted for burglaries and vehicle theft.

A. Yes, this is certainly something that can be looked at.

Action: Andrea Clemons

The Chair thanked Andrea for her informative update and Superintendent Brookes for his valuable contributions.

896. TACKLING ILLEGAL DRUGS

RECEIVED a report from Andrea Clemons, Head of Community Safety.

NOTED:

- i) The report provides information in relation to national and local approaches to tackle illegal drugs. It includes a summary of the Metropolitan Police Service drug plans, the Public Health England approaches and developing local work to better understand drugs markets and reduce the harms caused.
- ii) Drugs offences in Enfield are down by just over 6.5% in Enfield. This is interesting as there is a perspective that drug offences are linked to gang activity.
- iii) The Police Drugs Plan 2017-21 aims to deal with the impact of drugs on communities and confidence in police actions. It refers to the links between drugs and other issues (especially gang culture) additionally the overlap with organised crime.
- iv) There are three strands to the plan; to reduce demand, reduce supply and reduce harm. The aim is to do this by problem solving and education, disruption and enforcement and improved community contact and intelligence.
- v) The plan also aims to work with partners to address our most vulnerable, marginalised and disaffected people who are often affected by complex issues including mental health, drugs and alcohol and may be either victims or offenders.

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- vi) The report included information provided by the Commissioner for Young Peoples Substance Misuse Services in Enfield detailing the various interventions which have worked well in Enfield. This included Integrated case work-plan multi agency approaches to tackling substance misuse and offending behaviour, referral pathways between schools and YOS are in place and effective – these two areas account for approximately 90% of referrals to young people's treatment, joint working with the PRU (Pupil Referral Unit) as well as various other successful interventions.
- vii) Issues and Challenges were discussed and the pressure points for the service were included in the report.
- viii) The last 2-3 years has seen an increase in complex patients presenting to the service, in particular in relation to County Lines and patients using Xanax.
- ix) Patients often require more resource intensive and longer-term treatment packages. This is impacting on practitioner case load capacity and the staff to learn new skill sets and working practices to offer the support these young people require which differs from the more traditional cannabis and alcohol user which the service has been use dot treating in the past.
- x) The range of support that is available to young people post treatment has reduced which has posed some challenges around referring young people out of treatment and back into targeted or universal support services.
- xi) Both Adult and Young service users are likely to be a gross underrepresentation of actual treatment needs in the borough and there is an information gap about links with organised crime and other signal crimes such as prostitution and ASB.
- xii) Public Health England have suggested actions that will assist in working with families and children affected by substance misuse. Details of these actions are included in the report.

The following comments/questions were raised:

- There is a real issue around the use of Xanax, which many young people are using to self-medicate for anxiety and stress. It is also used in the grooming of young girls. The best intervention about using these types of drugs is in the classroom/school therefore going forward there does need to be some outreach funding in schools to enable this type of work to take place.
- Drug types for young people entering the service are usually skunk and cocaine, but once they enter into treatment there are a lot of opportunities to address the use of these and other drug types.
- The link between permanent exclusion in schools and crime is extremely high therefore it was important to raise the aspirations of young people in schools. The Parent Engagement Panel are looking into having volunteers and mentors in schools to offer guidance and support in various areas such as the transition from GCSEs to A-Levels and A-Levels to University.

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- It was felt that more work needed to be done to reduce the numbers of permanent exclusions in schools thereby keeping young people off the streets as there is a definite correlation between crime and permanent exclusions.
- Work is ongoing to raise awareness around the use of nitrous oxide cannisters and drug work with Enfield's Youth Offending service continues.
- The Crime Scrutiny Panel noted the report and looked forward to receiving updates on future progress.

The Chair thanked Andrea for her interesting report.

897. SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE ACTION PLAN

RECEIVED a report from Superintendent Nigel Brookes on the Serious Youth Violence Action Plan.

NOTED:

- i) The report summarises the background and implementation of consistent knife crime and serious youth violence action plans across London and how this work is being developed and delivered in Enfield and Haringey Boroughs.
- ii) A 2018 review of knife crime and serious youth violence plans in place in each London borough revealed a variety of format, content and detail leading to difficulties in identifying good practice and the effectiveness of differing approaches.
- iii) In June 2018 MOPAC, the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and London Councils collaboratively developed a new action plan template drawing on the expertise of senior police officers, Chief Executives, Directors of Children's Services, Director's of Public Health and Heads of Community Safety across London.
- iv) Each Community Safety Partnership was required to develop a plan based on this template and agreement was reached with Enfield and Haringey councils to form a single collaborative cross-border action plan coterminous with the new North Area Basis Unit (NA BCU) local policing structure which brings together the policing of both boroughs into a single unit.
- v) Every London Community Safety Partnership's (CSP) action plan, including the plan developed for Enfield and Haringey is structured around six consistent themes. These are: keeping deadly weapons off the streets, protecting and educating young people, targeting lawbreakers, offering ways out of crime, standing with communities, neighbourhoods and families against knife crime and supporting victims of violence crime.
- vi) To ensure continued and effective development, coordination and delivery of the action plan the North Area Violence Reduction Group

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(NAVRG) has been created. Details of this group and the representatives that sit on it are detailed in Minute No: 3 above.

- vii) NAVRG is responsible for coordination and reporting of this work to the Community Safety Partnerships and Safeguarding Boards/arrangements in respective areas. The project will provide an opportunity for increased effectiveness through the development of analytical products to evidence need and from sharing examples of good practice and outcomes.
- viii) Whilst there are now positive signs of stabilisation, knife crime and youth violence remain a significant challenge for London as a whole and locally and tackling violent crime remains the number one priority for the MPS.
- ix) The MPS is funding provision of analytical and project co-ordination support to NAVRDG to drive targeted and focussed intervention in the areas most affected by violent crime. Additionally, a funding bid for £4,600 has been successful for the Edmonton Eagles Boxing Club to deliver additional coaching sessions to young people in a part of the borough most affected by violent crime.
- x) As NAVRDG progresses towards delivery against the action plan, further opportunities for funding bids are being explored and assessed to ensure that interventions are driven effectively and sustainable for the longer term.

Following Superintendent Brookes update in-depth discussions took place which include the following comments/questions:

- The NAVRG meets every six weeks and to date attendance has been very good. Future meeting dates have been scheduled to the end of the summer at which point the frequency of the meetings will be reviewed. The group is very focused and has a clear recognition of the importance and severity of the issues faced and are therefore keen to implement very sustainable pieces of work which will have a positive impact moving forward.
- Other intervention groups other than the Edmonton Eagles are being looked at and a communication plan around this piece of work is currently being put together.
- Effective communication is key especially when attempting to engage with the most vulnerable and 'hard to reach' communities as well as local Faith Groups. Work on this is ongoing and includes looking at more effective ways to engage with young people.
- Enfield need to take some drastic action to change the current situation. Other boroughs such as Islington do some really great work for their young people with Arsenal football Club. Could Enfield replicate this type of project? Can more work be done with church groups, uniformed groups (Scouts/Brownies), Theatres etc to provide extra activities.
- More outreach work needs to take place and engagement with the local community is essential to find out what is happening, what is going wrong and what is needed.

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- Parents need help to support their children but are not aware what support is available. There is not enough sign posting in the community on where parents can go to access support.
- Enfield Council has compiled a whole brochure detailing the relevant services available. This can be accessed through the council website at www.enfield.gov.uk. The Chair requested that a copy of this brochure be included in the agenda pack for the next Crime Scrutiny meeting in March 2019. He also asked that arrangements be made for this brochure to be sent out to all schools in the borough.

Action: Susan O'Connell

- Parents need to be accountable for where their children are as well as ensuring that they are attending school as is required by law. Do Enfield Council still employ Education Welfare Officers to deal with school attendance issues?
- Members of the public called on the Council to ensure people were made aware of funding opportunities available for community groups looking to engage with youngsters. It was pointed out that many 'hard to reach' communities would be unaware of funding opportunities as they would not look at the Council website.
- Enfield Voluntary Action (EVA) lists all funding pots available on its website, which is free to join and can be accessed through the following link <http://www.enfieldva.org.uk/>
- Members of the public were encouraged to attend their local CAPE meetings. These were a great way to engage with the community.
- With regards to CCTV monitoring it was noted that there are 355 Community Safety Cameras in the borough all of which are high definition and of a high specification. The Monitoring Centre works directly with the police 24/7 and the police radio in the centre is of the highest standard.
- Gang activity appears to be growing in the borough. Do the Police have a handle on exactly what is happening in terms of the numbers of gangs, recruitment processes etc.
- There is a huge focus on gang activity both from the police and its partners. This is an absolute priority as it is recognised that there is a link between gang activity and very violent crime. The work of Operation Trident also continues within the MPS.

The Chair thanked Superintendent Brookes for his update and also thanked the members of the public for their valuable contribution to the discussions.

898. UPDATE ON POLICE NUMBERS

RECEIVED an overview of the North Area Basic Command Unit (NABCU) from Superintendent (Neighbourhoods) Nigel Brookes.

NOTED:

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- i) As of Wednesday 9th January 2019, Enfield and Haringey Police combined to form a single policing command; the North Area Basic Command Unit (NABCU). There will now be a six-week transition process.
- ii) The overview reiterated the key elements of the new structure and sets out the next steps being taken to embed the model within the two boroughs. Further updates will be provided over the coming weeks as the new BCU takes shape.
- iii) The BCU model builds on the strategic priorities set out in the Mayor's Police and Crime Plan and focusses local policing around the following core service areas: Neighbourhoods, Safeguarding, Response, CID, HQ.
- iv) This structure is consistent in each BCU meaning that in every area of London a similar level of service can be expected.
- v) Under the BCU model police buildings, resources and staff will be shared across borough boundaries, in our case across both Haringey and Enfield boroughs, giving opportunities for more flexible and efficient methods of operating. By March when all the BCU's are in place (there will be twelve in total) a further report will be provided on how the distribution has taken place.
- vi) Significantly, the BCU model places victims of crime at the heart of its approach with, wherever possible, a single investigating officer assigned from the very outset to the conclusion of an investigation.
- vii) Many aspects of local policing will continue to look very familiar. For example, each ward will retain two Dedicated Ward Officers and a PCSO, response officers will continue to operate from their current bases on both boroughs and our two 24-hour public front counters will remain at Tottenham and Edmonton Police Stations.
- viii) Further information was provided on some of the significant changes ahead aimed at streamlining and improving the way policing is delivered. Information was also provided on each of the core service areas (detailed above) and how each strand would work.
- ix) Nigel went on to talk about each of the core service areas (as detailed above) and information was provided.

The Chair thanked Superintendent Nigel Brookes for his interesting update and the Panel looked forward to receiving a further report at its March 2019 meeting which would give a clearer picture of how the BCU was taking shape

899. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2018 subject to the following amendment:

- (i) Minute No: 749- Update on Police numbers- Question No: 4

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Should read- Will Edmonton Station stay where it is? (and not Enfield Station as referred to in the minutes)

900. WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

NOTED the Work Programme for 2018/19.

901. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTED the dates of future meetings as follows:

Thursday 28 March 2019